GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS
LOK SABHA

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Rural Telephony under USOF
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has imposed/proposed to impose ban on some Telecom Service Providers (TSPs) from participating in future rural telephony projects supported by the Universal Service Obligation Fund (USOF);

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether failure of TSPs to perform and deliver has adversely affected the implementation of USOF scheme and also the Digital India Programme; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE (IC) OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS &
MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS
(SHRI MANOJ SINHA)

(a) to (d) No Madam. The Government has not imposed/proposed to impose ban on any Telecom Service Providers (TSPs) from participating in future against rural telephony projects supported by Universal Service Obligation Fund (USOF).

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